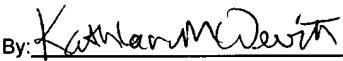


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated May 31, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks below.

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